

KS2 Geography Curriculum - Autumn Term 2026

Amazing Asia & Natural Wonders of the World | 14 x 45-minute sessions

Tuesdays: 8 September - 15 December 2026 | Half term: 26-30 October

Wee k	Date	Unit	Lesson	Curriculum objectives
1	8 Sept	Amazing Asia	Amazing Asia: Where Is It?	Locate Asia on a world map and identify its position in relation to the Equator and hemispheres. Identify surrounding continents and oceans. Understand the scale and diversity of Asia.
2	15 Sept	Amazing Asia	Countries & Capitals of Asia	Locate major Asian countries including China, India, Japan, South Korea, Thailand and Saudi Arabia. Identify selected capital cities. Develop atlas, map and directional skills.
3	22 Sept	Amazing Asia	The Landscapes of Asia	Identify and compare Asia's mountains, deserts, rivers, forests and coastlines. Locate major physical features including the Himalayas and Gobi Desert. Use geographical vocabulary to describe contrasting landscapes.
4	29 Sept	Amazing Asia	Mount Everest & the Himalayas	Locate the Himalayas and Mount Everest. Understand how fold mountains form at an age-appropriate level. Explore climate and conditions at high altitude and how people and animals adapt.
5	6 Oct	Amazing Asia	India: A Country of Contrasts	Locate India and identify major cities and physical features. Compare urban and rural environments. Explore differences in climate, landscape and population and how geography influences people's lives.
6	13 Oct	Amazing Asia	Japan: Islands, Cities & Volcanoes	Locate Japan and understand its geography as an island nation. Compare densely populated cities with mountainous areas. Understand why Japan experiences frequent earthquakes and volcanic activity.
7	20 Oct	Amazing Asia	Asia: People, Places & Cultures	Explore the diversity of settlements, languages and cultures across Asia. Compare life in contrasting locations. Challenge stereotypes and recognise the enormous diversity within the continent.
8	3 Nov	Natural Wonders	What Makes a Natural Wonder?	Identify the characteristics of natural wonders. Locate examples around the world using maps and atlases. Distinguish between natural and human-made wonders and introduce physical processes that create extraordinary landscapes.
9	10 Nov	Natural Wonders	The Grand Canyon, USA	Locate the Grand Canyon and Colorado River. Understand how erosion has helped shape the canyon over millions of years. Explore its rock layers and what they reveal about Earth's past.
10	17 Nov	Natural Wonders	The Great Barrier Reef, Australia	Locate the Great Barrier Reef. Understand how coral reefs form and why they support diverse ecosystems. Explore threats to the reef and consider why natural environments need protection.
11	24 Nov	Natural Wonders	Victoria Falls, Zambia & Zimbabwe	Locate Victoria Falls and the Zambezi River. Understand how waterfalls form through erosion. Investigate the scale and characteristics of Victoria Falls and its relationship with the surrounding environment.
12	1 Dec	Natural Wonders	The Giant's Causeway, Northern Ireland	Locate the Giant's Causeway within the British Isles. Understand how volcanic activity and cooling lava created its basalt columns. Compare the geological explanation with the legend of Finn McCool.
13	8 Dec	Natural Wonders	Uluru, Australia	Locate Uluru and Australia's Red Centre. Explore how weathering and erosion have shaped the landscape. Understand Uluru's cultural importance to the Anangu people and why landscapes can have both physical and cultural significance.
14	15 Dec	Natural Wonders	The Northern Lights - A Winter Wonder	Understand what the Northern Lights are and why they occur. Locate regions where auroras are commonly seen. Explore their connection with high-latitude regions and compare scientific explanations with traditional stories and beliefs.

Geographical skills developed: locational knowledge • map and atlas skills • human and physical geography • comparison of places • physical processes • geographical vocabulary • environmental awareness.